(c) Scheduled airlines operating international air services have to comply with the rules and regulations of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and country of operation with regard to operations, safety, sec irity and related issues.

Accident at Nagpur Airport

2336. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that more than hundred of passengers abroad Indigo's Pune-Delhi flight (6E 136) had a providential escape when the flight encountered a deer on the runway on the 7th March, 2008 at Nagpur Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a few months ago, this airport which is being developed into an International Air Passengers and Cargo hub, had witnessed a similar incident; and

(d) if so, the action Government has taken to ensure the safety of passengers at Nagpur Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 07.03.2008, Airbus A 320 of M/s Indigo Airlines operating as Flight Number 6 E 136 had an encounter with a deer on intersection of runway. There was no injury to any passenger and flight was continued safely to destination aerodrome.

(c) Yes, Sir. On 30.12.2007, Air India Express AXB 252 Nagpur-Mumbai flight after departure reported animal hit on runway number 32. After inspection on the runway body pieces of dead boar were found on the runway.

(d) To avoid recurrence of such incidents various steps such as frequent runway inspections before each landing and departure of aircraft, removal of wild growth and bushes all over the aerodrome operational area, stoppage of leakage of water pipe in the operational area (which could have been a source of water to animals), installation of zone guns to scare away animals, installation of reflecting ribbons etc. have been taken.

Expansion on runways

2337. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has taken a decision to expand the runways of several airports in the country during the next two financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, airport-wise and the expenditure expected to be incurred, airport-wise;

(c) whether the State Governments have agreed to provide extra land for the expansion of the runways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the expansion of runways is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Airport-wise details of the expansion of the runways and the expenditure to be incurred thereon

Sl. No 1	Name of the Schemes/Airports 10 2	Estimated Cost/ •Expenditure Rs. in	Existing length Estimated cost/ Expenditur	New lengtl after extension 5	1 F Land availability 6	Probable Date of Completion of extension of runway 7
1	Andhra Pradesh Vijayawada Extension of runway	48.00	5725 feet	7900 feet	Land provided	Mar.-09
2	Cuddapha Construction of runway	23.07	3500 feet	5330 feet	Land available	Mar-09
3	Assam Dibrugarh Ext, of Runway to 7500 ft I/c acquisition of land & associated work	14.00	5400 feet	7500 feet Awaited from Defence authorities	Land provided by State Govt.	Sep.-09
4	Guwahati Extension of runway by 360 M. Apron (11 bays), link taxi ways	48.00	9000 feet	10180 feet	Land provided. However, addl. land will be required for futher extension of runway	Sep.-08
5	Silchar Extension of runway, acquisition land & construction of boundary wall.	af41.48	5855 feet	7500 feet	Land available and work in progress	Apr.-08
6	Bihar Gaya Extension of runway for A-310 type of aircraft				Land not transferred by State Govt.	Subject to availability of land
	Himachal Pradesh Kullu Extension of Runway and allied works including River Training work.	10.00	7500 feet	9000 feet	DTM study submitted by IIT Roorkee	Oct.-09 Subject to availability of land
7	Jammu & Kashmir Jammu Extension of runway 18 (towards river)	30.00	3700 feet	5504 feet	One side of runway work completed for which land provided by State Govt. For other side, land not handed over by IAF	
8		20.00	6700 feet	8000 feet		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rajasthan Jaipur					
9	Extension runway and strengthening existing runway and allied works Udaipur	81.00 of	9712 feet	11500 feet	Land available	Planning stage
10	Extension and strengthening of runway and allied works Maharashtra Aurangabad	30.00	7483 feet	8989 feet	Land handed over by State Govt, and work in progress	Aug.-08
11	Extension of runway & allied works Madhya Pradesh Bhopal	25.62	7500 feet	9301 feet	Land available	Feb.-09
12	Extension & Strengthening of runway Isidore	52.10	6709 feet	9002 feet	Land available	Jun-09
13	Extension & Strengthening of runway Tamil Nadu Chtnnai	79.86	7503 feet	9022 feet	Land available	Jun-09
14	Extension of secondary runway	510.00	7234 feet	10613 feet	Land not available to be acquired by State Govt.	Mar-11
15	Extension of runway to 12500 ft & associated works	35.24	5900 feet	7500 feet	Land provided. However, addl. land will be required for further extension of runway	Work completed Feb.-08
16	Extension and strengthening of existing runway	20.00	6115 feet	8000 feet	Land provided. However, addl. land will be required for further extension of runway	Work completed Feb.-08
17	Extension & Strengthening of runway Uttar Pradesh Varanasi	22.25	4000 feet	4920 feet	Land available	Sep.-08
18	Extension of runway to 9000 ft. and provision shoulders etc. West Bengal Kolkata	31.43	7236 feet	9000 feet	Road diversion by State Govt. pending	Jul-09
19	Extension of secondary runway	35.00	7870 feet	10626 feet	Land is available (Road is to be diverted by the State Govt.)	Mar.-lO

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Coocta Behar					
20	Extension of runway to 4500 ft.	6.17	3500 feet	3700 feet	Land acquired by State Govt.	Detailed planning in progress for extension upto 4500 ft.

Operation of National Aviation Company of India Ltd.

2338. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to implement agreements that had been allied with employees related to wages and cadre policy etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken in detail to earmark aviation policy to make a stiff competition to private operators, by the National Aviation Company of India Ltd. (NACIL) as per the market dynamics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Agreements/Settlements reached with the Unions/Associations of both the erstwhiie companies are in the process of implementation. Revision of pay scales have been affected in respect of all employees represented by five Unions/Associations, which have arrived at an understanding with the management, and the executives of the erstwhile Indian airlines. The arrears of wages have been paid/are being paid as per the agreements and action has been initiated to implement the settlement/ understanding on career progression. In respect of erstwhile Air India, in most of the cases where agreements/settlements have been signed, wage arrears or advance have been paid.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Merger of Air India Limited and Indian Airlines Limited into National Aviation Company of Indian Limited has been effected to improve the operational performance/ profitability and to face the increasing competition in the aviation market. The merger has the potential to provide substantial synergy for procurement, sales and distribution besides affording an opportunity for financial restructuring/strengthening by leveraging common assets. Further, the airlines have been permitted to add more capacity by purchasing 111 state-of-the-art new aircraft. Other commercial measures such as route rationalization alongwith introduction of services on new routes, product improvement and joining of "Star Alliance" have also been taken by NACIL to effectively face composition.

Problem of long queues at **Delhi Airport**

2339. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the interim measures taken by Government to deal with the claustrophobic conditions prompted by construction work going on at the New Delhi airport; and